

# HALL GRAND JURY QUIZZES SCORE IN HUNT FOR MYSTERY SLAYERS

**Schneider First Witness Called Before Old Body**

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 15.—Routed from their beds during the night, members of the hold-over April grand jury of Somerset county today began hearing the evidence gathered by Special Prosecutor Simpson in his investigation of the Hall-Mills murders.

Assembled in record time, the jurors listened for eleven minutes to a charge by Supreme Court Justice Harold W. Parker, and then retired, when witness after witness was called before them to tell what they known of the mysterious crime.

**Judge Instructs Jury**

An air of great expectancy pervaded the courthouse as Justice Parker began his address in which he instructed the jury that it was not concerned with the various degrees of murder, but only with the participants. These he placed in three classes:

1. Principals in the first degree (the actual participants).

2. Principals in the second degree (those present who aided or abetted in the crime).

3. Accessories before and after the killings.

The justice then pointed out that the jurors were not to set themselves up as ultimate judges of the guilt or innocence of those persons it might return indictments against. A reasonable probability of guilt was sufficient upon which to base an indictment, he said.

**Mills First to Arrive**

James Mills, husband of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, was the first of the witnesses to arrive. He declared he hoped the guilty would be found out and indicted.

"But I doubt they ever will be convicted," he exclaimed.

Raymond Schneider, who, with Pearl Bahmer, discovered the bodies of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills under the crabapple tree, will be the first witness called.

Schneider, whose testimony will establish the corpus delicti, served



Ralph Gorsline Catherine Rastall

a term in county jail for perjury four years ago after he had falsely accused Clifford Hayes of the double murder.

Early this morning crowds began to mill about the spacious marble courthouse on the village green to await the appearance of the now famous witnesses in the double tragedy. They are:

Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," who says she heard four shots on the night of September 14, 1922, and recognized Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain clergyman; Willie Stevens, her brother, and Henry de B. Carpender, their cousin, at the scene of the crime. All three are charged with the murders.

Ralph V. Gorsline, vestryman in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, who, after four years silence, last week was forced to admit that he was on the Phillips farm on the murder night with a woman not his wife, and heard voices, shots and a woman's scream.

**Pilot and Designer of Big Plane**



CAPT. RENE FONCK, French ace, to the left, is seen here receiving the congratulations of Igor Sikorsky, Russian designer of the giant plane, at the aviation field at Westbury, L. I. The immense size of the plane can be seen by comparison with the aviators who are standing almost in front of two of the three big motors with which it is equipped.

## Weather Delays Hop-Off Of Plane in N. Y.-Paris Trip

The New York to Paris non-stop flight of the giant Sikorsky biplane, which was to have begun at dawn this morning, was postponed for a day or more, owing to unfavorable weather conditions reported to Capt. Rene Fonck, French ace, in charge of the project, shortly after midnight.

A test flight will be made at 11 o'clock this morning, Capt. Fonck announced, after the motors had had an hour's test after midnight. Capt. Fonck was in the cockpit as a test of the motors was made at the aviation field at Westbury, L. I. One at a time, they were opened up to the limit.

The postponement was a keen disappointment to Capt. Fonck. All the final alterations had been made to the plane, and it was loaded with gasoline, oil and provisions. Capt. Fonck and Lieut. Lawrence William Curtin, U. S. N., who will take the place of Lieut. Allan P. Snody, U. S. N., as navigator, the latter having suddenly been taken ill, arrived at the hangar dressed in neat, newly pressed uniforms, eager to start.

Then came the weather report and the flight was off.

**DAWES TO BE GUEST**

Vice-President Charles G. Dawes will be the guest of honor this evening at the third annual dinner of the Radio Association.

**Clearing House**

(Official figures)

Exchanges	\$870,000,000
Balances	105,000,000
Credit balance.	92,000,000

**TO OUR ADVERTISERS:**

The GRAPHIC regrets that, owing to the pressure upon its space, it is compelled to omit from today's issue fourteen columns of advertising.

## Witnesses Are Barred As Lawyers Wrangle At Trial of Daugherty

Richard Merton, German financier, and government witness, today took the stand for the sixth time before Federal Judge Julian W. Mack for redirect cross-examination by United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner, who is trying to prove conspiracy against Col. Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, and Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general.

### Identify 'Cry Baby' Thugs in L. I. City Hold-Up Trial

Philip Oberst and Bernard Frankel, two of the six "cry-baby" bandits on trial for robbery in the Queens County Court, were identified by three witnesses as members of the band of robbers who held up the cashier of the William F. Kenny Construction Company in Long Island City and stole \$2,460.

A fourth witness positively identified Peter Mahoney, another defendant, wavered and then retracted it. Leo Hecker, Frank Kerrigan and James O'Connor, the other defendants, were not identified.

Attorney Buckner and Max D. Steuer, attorney for Daugherty, engaged in a verbal battle over the question of when the World War actually started after Buckner had attempted to learn from Merton



H. M. Daugherty Max Steuer when his Swiss and German companies began to depreciate in value.

**Argument Over War**

Merton said 1910. He previously had blamed the World War, and Buckner mentioned the fact that the war hadn't started.

"It started thirty years ago," retorted Steuer. The argument followed.

For the first time since the trial began all witnesses were excluded from the courtroom.

Yesterday the government won an important point. Steuer made a motion for a mistrial on the grounds that Buckner was too vigorous in his conduct of the case. Judge Mack denied the motion.

**Thrown On Defense**

Buckner then proceeded to throw attorneys for both alleged conspirators on the defensive.

The questions were designed to prove that Merton in 1921 had obtained the passage of a defective claim when he had recovered \$7,000,000 of war impounded assets of the American Metals Company here.

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